



**Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition  
Hurricane Ian Situation Report – 10-3-22**

**NOTE: Future situation reports will be sent as new information is available**

**Florida Hospital Association (FHA) Updates:**

Currently, bed capacity tipped below 20%. As of 4:40 p.m. today

- Total Available Beds: 11,910
- Bed Availability: 19.9%

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**FHA ACTIONS**

**FHA Daily Hurricane Briefing**

On today's call, President Mayhew was joined by hospital leaders for a hospital-specific discussion and an opportunity for our Southwest Florida colleagues to provide updates and discuss any challenges. Hospital leadership shared their ongoing efforts in patient transfer coordination, increasing bed availability and capacity, air & ground transfers, and restoration of operations.

FHA will be pulling together the lessons learned from this disaster and the response from each hospital and comparing that with data from previous hurricanes and will share the findings. Please visit FHA's [Emergency Management page](#) for updates and resources from past advisories.

Thank you to all our participants; please stay safe and reach out should you need anything!

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**FEDERAL ACTIONS**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

For the latest information, alerts and updates visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>.

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## **STATE ACTIONS**

### **Governor Ron DeSantis - Florida Response to Hurricane Ian Continues**

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis received a briefing at the State Emergency Operations Center and traveled to North Port and Arcadia to survey the areas impacted by Hurricane Ian, distribute hot food, meet with survivors, and issue updates.

### **Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)**

**Florida Disaster Fund**—Donations to the Florida Disaster Fund are made to the Volunteer Florida Foundation, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and are tax-deductible. **To contribute, please visit <https://www.volunteerflorida.org/donatefdf/> or text DISASTER to 20222.**

### **Florida Department of Health (FDOH)**

Licensed Health Care Practitioners Needed! The DOH is requesting your assistance communicating an urgent message to health care practitioners. Florida needs qualified health care practitioners to support recovery efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Ian. Currently, there are over 200 shelters operating to serve displaced Floridians, and rescue efforts continue for those who did not evacuate.

Please encourage your members to register immediately, if they are able to volunteer, with Volunteer Florida to ensure they are placed where the greatest needs exist.

- **STEP 1: Go to [www.VolunteerFlorida.org](http://www.VolunteerFlorida.org)**
- **STEP 2: Select “Volunteer”**
- **STEP 3: View volunteer opportunities posted on the page**
- **STEP 4: Select “Express Interest”**
- **STEP 5: Create a volunteer account or log in to an existing account**

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## **OTHER ACTIONS**

### **American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE)**

ASHE has created a resource page to assist health care facilities professionals in their efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The resources cover critical operations such as air quality, safety and security, emergency preparedness, and infection prevention.

- [COVID-19 Resources for Health Care Facilities](#)

### **Health Services Advisory Group Dialysis Patient Assistance Hotlines**

- [Open/Closed Dialysis Facilities](#)
- [Dialysis Patient Assistance Hotlines](#)

## Conference Call Summaries:

### 10-3-22 FHA-Health Care Coalition (HCC) Call

- All coalitions represented except Keys, with FHA and ASPR participating
- Region 6: Kevin reported that HCC personnel have evacuated to east coast. They are monitoring state and local briefings and are available to local EM and hospitals. Major issue is patient evacuations. HCC is receiving requests and referring them to normal process. Kevin thanked other HCCs for reaching out with support and providing assets. Kelly Keyes reported that hospitals in Region 5 have been putting in mission requests for those in Region 6 without access.
- FHA: John reported that today's FHA call was devoted to impacted hospitals reporting. Lee Health hospitals have power and water. He stated that there are no further FHA calls scheduled. If a call is scheduled, John will notify HCCs. FHA has shifted focus to monitoring issues, such as staffing issues caused by impact of the storm on the local workforce, pharmacy, dialysis. John reported that two DMATs are in place at Charlotte Cultural Center and Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Venice. Two additional sites are coming online today or tomorrow – one at Sarasota Peace River and one at Cape Coral Medical Center. Later this week two more will be opening, one at Lee Health and one at Park Health.
- Region 4: Franklin reported that they have been supporting missions in Region 6, including assisting with relocating a shelter in Hardee County, putting up a gatekeeper for the Charlotte Medical Examiner, along with two portable morgues from Region 4 and two from Region 5.
- Region 5: Lynne reported that the coalition is responding to requests such as the need for platelets, but most are being handled within the local health system. The region is also supporting state mission requests in support of Region 6, including the portable morgues and team members.
- Other issues: Kelly raised the issue of how to handle Medicaid patients refusing discharge. John stated that they have raised this issue to AHCA and are awaiting a response. John stated that they may also be FAC needs to support families of patients evacuated out of region. He stated that he thinks this may be covered by FEMA PA and is waiting for additional information. Kelly asked how counties not covered in the federal declaration should handle expenses. John advised that the latest declaration includes all 67 counties. John will be putting out recovery information by the end of the week. Another issue is tracking patient relocated. Should these be reported through HFRS? John has raised this issue to AHCA and is waiting to hear back.
- All coalitions agreed that the HCCTF should be rescheduled.
- The next call will be Friday morning. A calendar invitation will be sent out.

### Resources:

- CFDMC: <https://www.centralfladisaster.org/hurricane-ian>
- Agency for Healthcare Administration: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/>
- Florida Department of Health: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/about/emergency.html>
- American Red Cross Hurricane Ian Partner Brief interactive website. <https://arc-nhq-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f61b45ee4b9c4b6ab9ceadae863a532a>
- Power Outage Reports <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/home/hurricanereport>
- School Closures <https://www.fldoe.org/em-response/storm-info.stml>
- Food Safety Guidance for during and after event
- <https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Food-Safety-Consumer-Resources-and-Outreach/Hurricane-Preparedness>

- CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida - [https://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/emergency\\_activities/docs/NEWS\\_ALERT-Florida\\_PHE.pdf](https://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/emergency_activities/docs/NEWS_ALERT-Florida_PHE.pdf)
- State ESF8: 850-445-1380